

THE TIMES DISPATCH

GENEALOGICAL COLUMN

THE LEWIS FAMILY OF VIRGINIA



1300.

With what avidity do Virginians devour everything concerning this wonderful name! How eager does every school boy go out over the exploits of the intrepid Captain Meriwether Lewis, as he reads of his expedition to the far West! Well, it is possible something new can be added here they have never read before concerning his boyhood days; while in his quiet Albemarle home, but let us first go back to its originality and trace the name from medieval times.

We first find the name, John Lewis, recorded as early as the thirteenth century, in the Domesday Book of St. Paul's, England. It also took the form Lewison and Lewson, and never deviated far from its original type, Lewis or Lewis.

The family really sprang from Lionel, Duke of Clarence, who married the Lady Elizabeth de Burgh, 1268 (She was daughter of William de Burgh, Earl of Ulster). This Lady Elizabeth was descended from Charlemagne, Henry III., and the red-hand King of Connaught.

The legend goes that three Vikings approaching Ireland agreed that he who first touched the land should own it. The hindmost one, seeing himself outstripped by the others, cut off his left hand, and threw it red and bleeding far ashore, thus gaining possession. War-

Isabella Warner.

John Lewis, second, born 1669, died 1745. Was of the Majesty's honorable council of Virginia; married Elizabeth Warner.

From them were:

First, Catherine; second, Elizabeth, born 1720; third, John, married Frances Fielding; fourth, Colonel Charles Lewis (of "The Bird"), married Mary Howell; fifth, Colonel Robert Lewis, of "Belvoir," Albemarle, married Jane Meriwether.

From Colonel Robert and Jane Meriwether were eleven children. His third son was Colonel William Lewis, of "Locust Hill," Albemarle; he married Lucy Meriwether who was great niece of his mother. These were the parents of Captain Meriwether Lewis, the great explorer. He had a brother, Dr. Reuben Lewis, who was made Indian agent by Mr. Jefferson, and who married Mildred Dabney. The sister of Meriwether Lewis was Jane Lewis, who married Edward Anderson; their son, Dr. Meriwether L. Anderson, was quite celebrated as a physician in his day. He married Miss Lucy Harper. One of her children Charles Harper Anderson, fell heir to the "Locust Hill" estate, which had descended to his grandmother, Jane Lewis Anderson.

Mr. C. H. Anderson married Sally T. L. Scott, descendant of the noted Dr. James M. Scott, of Spotsylvania county, known as the "Bel Air" Scotts, and who acquired a large fortune by his practice, which was left to his descendant. They lived at the old "Locust Hill" place until the year 1882. He sold the old mansion, with one hundred acres of the original estate, to Mrs. Beasley, an English lady, who much admired the character of Meriwether Lewis. Her only daughter married Mr. Alexander Small, of England, who, since the death of Mrs. Beasley, now owns the old "Locust Hill" residence, making it quite a tasty and modernized building.

The original building, as built by Colonel William Lewis, and where Captain Meriwether Lewis was born, was simply a log cabin, having two front rooms with small dormer windows and a long porch

gun, shot her between the eyes, the animal dropping at his feet.

Whilst his mother was living alone as a widow in Locust Hill, she was badly cheated by a horse trader, which greatly irritated young Meriwether. At the next court, while on the court-green at Charlottesville, he saw the man and boldly charged him of cheating his mother. This made the mad so mad that he threatened to catch and thrash young Lewis, and did so, while young Lewis, at night, young Lewis had nothing to defend himself with, but hastily pulling a horn comb from his pocket which he had just bought, said, as he ran his fingers over the teeth, making a clicking sound like that of a pistol, "I generally go prepared for such cases as you," whereupon the man hastily retreated. After going to an "old field" school until eighteen years old, he then took charge of his mother's farm. In 1794 he volunteered in the whiskey insurrection, and soon after joined the regular army. As young Lewis grew up, Mr. Jefferson marked his talents and sterling qualities, and in 1801 made him his private secretary, until 1803, when he was appointed commander of the Oregon expedition.

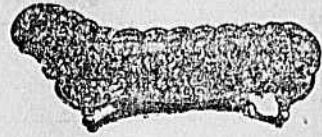
Pew people are aware that Captain Lewis was wounded by his own men, while on the expedition. It seems that he wore a coon skin cap, and a deer skin tunic with buck skin breeches, at a distance from his men, one day, he was either taken for an Indian or a deer as he moved among the bushes and was fired at by one of them, the ball taking effect in his leg, which caused him to limp ever afterwards.

The writer has seen a letter written by Captain Lewis to his mother, dated Fort Mandan, March 21, 1805, describing the country, which he had been over. This was just previous to his return. He had then bought more than five thousand acres of land, the most of which St. Louis is now built upon. It is to be regretted that the entire Locust Hill estate has now passed out of the family, and the old landmarks surrounding the historic spot will soon be obliterated and

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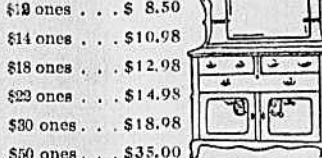
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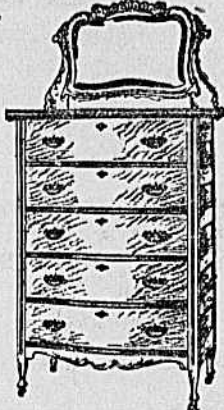
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growing on the vine, ranging in length from twelve inches up to thirty-four inches. The largest one now on the vine measures thirty-four inches in length and forty-four and a half inches around. Invitations are out for the marriage of Mr. Fletcher Duncan, eldest son of Mr. W. S. Duncan, of Cumberland, to Miss Daisy Moon, daughter of Mr. A. F. Moon, of Tamworth, Va. The marriage will take place at the Cartersville Baptist Church on Wednesday, October 22d. The scarlet fever scare is about over, though the danger still exists. No new cases have been reported lately. On Friday, October 23d, Dr. Fraser,

former president of the State Normal School at Farmville, will deliver an address on education in or near Cartersville. Arrangements are being made by Mr. C. W. Dickinson, county superintendent of public schools, for an all-day meeting at some central point, where the address will be delivered. Rev. J. Sidney Peters, of the First M. E. Church, South, Farmville, Va., has promised to be in Cartersville some time in the near future to deliver a lecture on temperance. The date of Mr. Peters' visit has not yet been decided upon, but he will doubtless be in Cartersville as soon after conference as possible.

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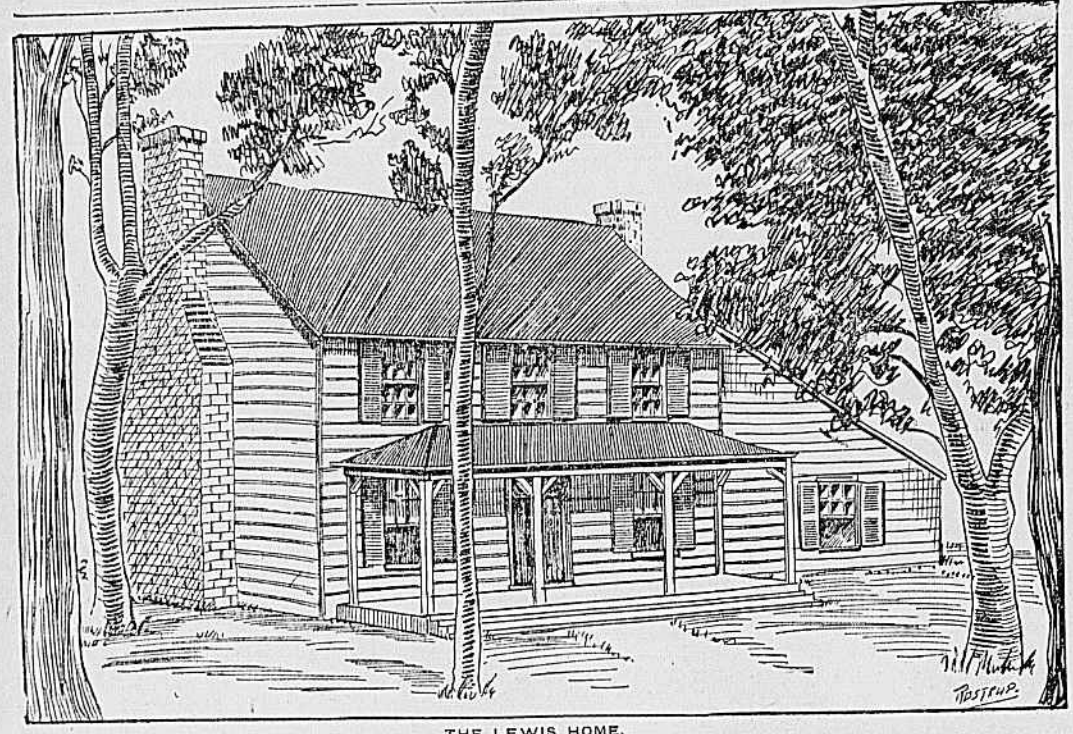
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THE LEWIS HOME.

like clans descending from him use the "red hand" on their crests and shields. The crest of the Lewises of Virginia is a red hand (which we give), and since they are heally descended from this red handed King of Connaught, this legend probably explains the crest.

The Lewises of Virginia, however, pertain more to those of Wales, as it is said the family there sprang from Sir Edward Lewis of Van Edginton, Wilty county, who married Lady Ann Dorset (daughter of the Earl of Dorset).

From them were:

Robert Lewis, of Brecon, Wales, born 1575.
General Robert Lewis, emigrant, born in Brecon, Wales, came to Virginia 1635; settled in Gloucester county. He had two sons.

(1) Major William Lewis, of New Kent county, Va.
(2) John Lewis, first, born 1625, married

in front. In 1540, while being occupied by Dr. M. L. Anderson, the original building was unfortunately destroyed by fire, with many historic relics connected with Captain Lewis, while on his expedition. In 1882, the present building was erected nearly on the same spot. It, too, was a log dwelling, but afterwards weather-boarded. The old house was surrounded by a dense grove of locust trees, hence its name. Some of these trees were destroyed by the fire, but from their stumps have grown another stately grove. Let us now turn to the days when young Meriwether Lewis, roamed over these hills as a boy. To show his early fearlessness and bravery even as a boy of ten years, the story is told of him, that while hunting and passing through a field with his gun, a mud cow made for him, lowering her horns to toss him, he stood perfectly still until the cow got within ten feet of him, then raising his

give place to modern architecture, yet at least one monument should be placed to mark the birthplace of Captain Meriwether Lewis, the most bold and intrepid pioneer in the cause of science, Virginia ever had, and one to whom President Roosevelt gave high and just tribute in his recent eloquent speech at the University of Virginia.

E. C. M.

BUILD A SANITARIUM

One to Be Erected Near Fayetteville Old Dobbin House.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 10.—Dr. W. H. Kugler, of Chester, Pa., is stopping at the Atlantic Hotel, and is here to build an extensive sanitarium on Harrington Hill, overlooking the city from the north. Some weeks ago Dr. Kugler bought valuable property on the hill from Mr. John P. Thomson, including a large tract of heavily wooded land, in the middle of which he will build a sanitarium, with a residence for his family. The occupants of the Dobbin House on upper Hay Street have been notified to vacate the different tenements, as the building is to be remodeled and enlarged for a high-grade hotel. The Dobbin House offers a parallel to the Swan House, as interestingly told about in The Times-Dispatch a few days ago. A hotel has been kept on the spot for three-quarters of a century. The old Plantation Hotel was burned a year or two before the Civil War, and on its site was built the present Dobbin House, named in memory of James C. Dobbin, a leading member of the Fayetteville bar and Secretary of the Navy under the administration of Franklin Pierce.

Mr. W. H. Kugler, general superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, before the fire, the English land pumpkins, that it is not at present deemed advisable to run what is known as the Richmond "Shoo-Fly" train any lower down than Smithfield. This causes much disappointment to the largely-increased travel on this part of the line.

Dr. F. Wilton and William W. Smith, of Richmond, Va., are registered at the Hotel Lafayette to-day.

MAMMOTH PUMPKIN

Dr. Frayser to Lecture at Cartersville the Twenty-third.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CARTERSVILLE, VA., October 10.—In The Times-Dispatch of a recent date mention was made of a mammoth pumpkin, of a volunteer vine in Mr. B. M. England's potato patch. Mr. England lives in the picturesque little village of Clinton, Va., about twelve miles from Cartersville. A few days ago Mr. England picked that his wonderful pumpkin was beginning to spoil, so he plucked it from the vine. When pulled it measured forty-four inches in length, fifty inches around, and weighed 110 pounds. The four main vines measure, respectively, fifty-four, fifty-two, forty-eight and forty-four feet. There are a dozen or more pumpkins still

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